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I have been asked by many to release the transcript of the funeral service that I did for a fellow motocross'er, and friend, that took his own life. After prayer, and the support of the family and his closest friends, I've decided to release such in text format.

God used this, and always makes good from junk. Souls were comforted, lives were renewed and people left that funeral service that will never be the same again. "God speaking through you today saved me today", stated one gentleman.

My prayer in releasing this is that it will not cause ill feelings, dispute, and/or division. If you feel it creates doubt, or is in error, please get in the Word and spend time with God and find clarity for your situation or your circumstances.

Finally, please remember to speak life to all those around you as agony is not forever. That's His promise. Someone today needs the love of Christ that lives in YOU!

May God Bless you greatly,
Bryan Jackson

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SONG:

At the Cross

Dear Lord God we come today with heavy hearts, broken hearts, confusion, anger, sadness, and just a brokenness that only you can comfort and mend. We surrender our all right now Lord that You would help us. Help us with our next breath, our next step that we might be filled with your promises - that agony and pain is NOT forever. We love you Lord and thank you for your Love for us. I thank you Lord for the many that are here that loved this man, and his family. I thank you for the love and fellowship that has taken place here last night and today. Thank you Father that we already see your mighty hand in so many ways brining rays of sunshine to quite an awful storm. Let us remember Father that you are alive in us. We are the body of Christ. Your love is shown and demonstrated through us and help us to extend to this wonderful, caring, loving, and most generous family, The _____ Family.

Lord thank you for the work you've done through me in preparation for this today. My prayer continues to be to help me get out of the way as I deliver this service, so that you can show up, show out and do what only You can do. Thank you Father AMEN.

You may be seated.

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Your Grace Find Me

OBITUARY READING

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Ten Thousand Reasons

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I am Bryan Jackson with Vertical Adrenaline Motocross Ministries. Many of you in the moto world know and refer to Vertical Adrenaline as your track church, or your home church, or even - you're only church. We have no building, we have no membership, we have no buses, no day care, but what we do have are many loving and caring people - and those loving and caring people, many of you here today, are what truly make a Church. God has much for us today, as we say our good byes to _____.

_____ was a believer, a Christian, and was a regular at our trackside Church services. I shook his hand and took in his big smile many a times over the years – as many of you did. His heart was real, genuine, sincere, and full of the good stuff that we all need more of.

Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus said: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field." But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew.

"The farmer's workers went to him and said, 'Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?'"

'An enemy has done this!' the farmer exclaimed.

I am convinced from Gods word that He knows the difference between what was planted, what He planted, and what wasn't planted and was of an enemy, an accident, or whatever.

Funeral services, as in this one today for _____, is an opportunity to demonstrate biblically how the gospel of Jesus Christ is an anchor for us in the worst storms of life. There are many times that ministering God's grace and truth to fellow sinners and saints---in this fallen world---means we must choose to focus on what we know is biblically true, while at the same time leaving with God that which will always remain unknown to us---the answers to "Why?"

There are few people whose lives have not been touched by suicide somehow, someway. Is suicide a Sin? Yes. Unforgivable? No! But God's desire is that no one should parish. Today I will encourage and remind that in the midst of agony and suffering that Gods love is present - and his promises are true. He truly is the master comforter and I believe that somehow, someway, He is going to use the passing of _____ to grow the Kingdom and grow the love of God in each of us.

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Forgiveness

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On Monday January 13, 2014 _____ completed a decision from where there was pain and confusion, despair and doubt, he longed for the end to a suffering that he apparently couldn't find resolve. _____ chose to end that suffering for himself. His mind was exhausted, his heart frightened, and the end was taken. However, for those of us who have loved and cared for him, the suffering now extends to us. Friends and family are left with feelings of shock, betrayal, anger, sadness. How could he? How could he? It is now up to us to call on the power of the Holy Spirit that we can be guided and directed appropriately and trust God that He'd carry us through the difficulties that we now face. Now more than ever we must turn to God that we'd be loving and, maybe not understanding, but able to forgive and be compassionate just as God Jesus is, has been, and will be. I know that God made some promises to _____ because _____ accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. That is a relationship that God promises never to abandon. On a day like this it is so important to let those words in the second reading take hold of us. I paraphrase. "What can separate us from God's love? Nothing, nada, zip, zilch, not the stupid things we do, not the mistakes we make, not the big blunders that hurt others." We know that God made the promise to _____ to love him, to be with him in thick and thin, and to forgive him. God promised to forgive _____. God promised _____ everlasting life. God's love in accepting Christ Jesus is for all time, for all those that believe - and THAT I believe is true today for _____ and IS in line with the Word of God - Thank you Lord

God prepared a place for _____ that day he said "I believe", that day he said "I accept".

For those of you feeling guilty or questioning what you could have done to help _____ more, that's quite normal. Tuesday morning when I got the call my very first thought was the same shared with many of you. Anger at _____ is normal, anger at God is normal; anger however is not the Peace of God that is promised to us. My hope and prayers are that when you leave today you will not carry guilt with you. You did the best you could. YOU did the best you could. _____ didn't die because any of us failed.

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No matter how stalked by inner pain, _____'s life was also of delight and happiness, caring and friendship, sharing and love. Death by choice is not always a denial of life; in many cases it is the cry of despair for life that seemingly cannot be obtained.

In closing, as we continue to surrender our hearts to God for his hand of healing, let us remember and focus on NOT the Why's, but the plenty of things We Do Know.

We know that _____ loved his father _____; his mother, _____; sister, _____ and her children - _____. His Brother, _____ and his children - _____.

We know that _____ loved and cared about all of his dear friends. _____, _____, _____. The list goes on and to simply say friend - just doesn't seem fitting.

And let's not forget his love and passion for his moto family. We know that _____ loved and cared for all of his moto friends. He sure loved moto and everything and everyone that went with it. From playing and wrestling with the kiddos in the pits, to following _____ around the track time after time, he was all in. If _____ got tied up and couldn't make a race, _____'s heart would glow knowing that he'd get to be the man for _____ that day. He loved being that special person for you _____. And he loved the little things like working on those bikes with _____ until _____ would literally make 'em stop to come in and eat. Loved his time with you guys - because he loved you.

Someone once said that if dogs and kids like a person - they must really be great. _____ said she never met a kid (or Dog) that didn't want to play with _____.

At this time would anyone like to come up and share a story or say anything?

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Really hard to say good bye.
Really hard to imagine life without him.
Bittersweet describes it best.

SONG:

Amazing Grace

Ultimately, we know that God is the source of healing; bringing promise, forgiveness, and most importantly ... love and hope.

May you experience that from today onward - more than ever before.

Closing Prayer

Let's Pray

Let there be no whispering, no secrets here: God Father our hearts are broken. But no agony is forever - you've promised. As we go fourth help us to show everyone around us your love, to say the kind word, to speak life. Help us God Father to show compassion, to have a forgiving heart, and to surrender to all You have for us in order to do these things. Thank you Lord that you will guide and direct us on how we can live with unanswerable questions, normal feelings of anger and guilt, and this GAPING HOLE OF LOSS. Thank you for life Lord God, thank you for the many Blessings we have before us, even in the midst of sadness, pain, sorrow and tragedy. Help us to see them - and focus on them Lord. We thank you God for our time with _____. It was a Blessed time and will be remembered and cherished. We hold our hearts in our hands and we lift them up to You Lord, the God of eternal peace and the master comforter and healer. Thank You Jesus. Amen.

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